

IN THE TITLE

Please replace the title with the following:

SYSTEM FOR DOCUMENT MANAGEMENT AND INFORMATION PROCESSING

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please 1, after the title, please insert a new paragraph as follows:

This is a Continuation Application of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/632,212, filed August 3, 2000. This application is based upon and claims the benefit of priority from the prior Japanese Patent Application Nos. 11-224015, 11-353718 and 2000-229571, the entire contents of each of which are incorporated herein by reference.

Please replace the paragraph at page 31, line 22 - page 32, line 4 with the following:

Thereby, the above-described respective functions can be achieved even in a case where documents managed by a plurality of databases are integrally managed, and, as a result, even in a distributed database environment, efficiency in document management can be improved, and it is possible to efficiently ~~manage~~ manage documents through a plurality of distributed databases.

Please amend the paragraph at page 39, lines 8-21 as follows:

It is not necessary to be limited to the above-mentioned example of configuration. The present invention may also be applied to another example of system configuration in which further many client computers, server computers are connected to the network, the document management database, integrating document management software, document management connecting programs exist in each client computer, and the document management database exists in each server computer, another example of system

configuration in which only the integrating document management software and document management connecting programs exist but no document management databases exist in each client computer, and so forth.

Please replace the paragraph at page 49, lines 5-24 with the following:

Then, in S15, the document management connecting program (in this example, the document management connecting program P2) that is requested the data of list of documents of this folder transforms the instructions of this request into the corresponding set of instructions so as to adapt the given instructions of the request for the specifications of the interface of the corresponding document management database (in this example, the document management database 2) connected by this document management ~~connecting~~ connecting program, and gives the set of instructions to the document management database. In S16, in accordance with the thus-given set of instructions, the server software of the document management database (in this example, the document management database 2) which has received the set of instructions obtains from its own database and provides the data indicating the list of documents stored in the requested folder to the document management connecting program (in this example, the document management connecting program P2).

Please replace the paragraph at page 76, line 24 - page 77, line 16, with the following:

Resources of the above-mentioned respective icons and thumbnails are (stored in the memory and) managed by the display data managing part 22 of the integrating document management software T1 for each folder, and, also, for each document as shown in FIG. 7. These resources themselves may be possessed by the respective document management connecting programs P1, P2 and P3 (incorporated in the respective programs) and obtained by the integrating document management software T1 as the demand arises for being

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displayed on the page displayed on the display monitor of the client computer C3.

Alternatively, they may be possessed by the respective document management databases 1, 2 and 3 which the document management connecting programs P1, P2 and P3 connect, and obtained by the integrating document management software T1 through the respective document management ~~connecting~~ connecting programs P1, P2, and P3, as the demand arises.

Please replace the paragraph at page 86, lines 19-21 with the following:

Then, the operator pushes the highlighted button 'SECTION NAME ACCORD WITH DOCUMENT NAME' (~~throuhg~~ through a mouse click), in S203.